



TERRY E. BRANSTAD
GOVERNOR

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

KIM REYNOLDS
LT. GOVERNOR

June 20, 2013

The Honorable Matt Schultz
Secretary of State of Iowa
State Capitol
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit House File 604, an Act relating to the funding of, the operation of, and appropriation of moneys to the college student aid commission, the department for the blind, the department of education, the economic development authority, the department of workforce development, and the state board of regents, and providing for related matters.

House File 604 is approved on this date with the following exceptions, which I hereby disapprove.

I am unable to approve the designated portion of the item designated as Section 30, subsection 1, lettered paragraph b, subparagraph 4. This item allocates funds for an organization to provide resources and support services for international refugees for fiscal year 2014. This potentially creates a sole-source appropriation. It is important for the State to receive competitive requests for proposals (RFPs) from all qualified organizations in order to protect Iowa taxpayers' interests and best serves the needs of refugees.

I am unable to approve the designated portion of the item designated as Section 54, subsection 1, lettered paragraph b, subparagraph 4. This item allocates funds for an organization to provide resources and support services for international refugees for fiscal year 2015. This potentially creates a sole-source appropriation. It is important for the State to receive competitive requests for proposals (RFPs) from all qualified organizations in order to protect Iowa taxpayers' interests and best serves the needs of refugees.

For the above reasons, I respectfully disapprove the designated items in accordance with Amendment IV of the Amendments of 1968 to the Constitution of the State of Iowa. All other items in House File 604 are hereby approved as of this date.

Sincerely,

TERRY E. BRANSTAD
Governor